



Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 5, 2011
Town Hall – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

School Committee

David Reif, Chair
Jason Poitras – absent
Colleen Shapiro
Donna White
Gregory Berthiaume

Superintendent

Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary

Mary Landi

Student Representative

Stephen Flaherty

Guests

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- * Call to Order – Dr. Reif called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
 - * FY12 Budget Hearing – Dr. Berthiaume moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to suspend the regular meeting and proceed directly to the Budget Hearing. Vote: unanimous. Superintendent Calmes welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked Ms. Sandra Curley for her tremendous efforts in putting together the information needed for the budget. She also thanked the administrative team. Ms. Karen Martin, Mr. Michael Barney, and Mr. John Londa were in attendance at the meeting. The Superintendent began her PowerPoint presentation by reviewing three major challenges facing the school district: stimulus funds cliff, declining Shirley tuition, and state and local funding. FY11 grants and their amounts were reviewed next. Additional revenue streams were looked at, including revolving funds: school choice, non-resident, circuit breaker and athletics. Superintendent Calmes reviewed the enrollment numbers at the schools including historical data. Enrollment peaked in FY07 and has been declining since then. The Superintendent's FY12 recommended budget totals \$15,513,768 - \$10,696,620 in personnel and \$4,817,148 in non-personnel. Superintendent Calmes gave additional information around funds expended for tutoring and other efforts targeting AYP improvement. Next, the superintendent detailed the FY12 personnel and non-personnel increases. That concluded the budget presentation. There was some discussion around the amount of this recommended budget and the amount included in the Town Manager Financial Forecast from November. The superintendent's recommendation is higher by approximately \$145K. Superintendent Calmes explained that some of the increase is caused by the funding cliffs, even though we knew they were coming. Dr. Berthiaume moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to exit the budget hearing. Vote: unanimous.
 - * Chairman's Report – None.
 - * Review and Approve Minutes
 - December 1, 2010 Regular Session Minutes – Approved by Dr. Reif.
 - December 15, 2010 Regular Session Minutes – Approved by Dr. Reif.
 - December 15, 2010 Executive Session Minutes – Approved by Dr. Reif.
 - * Review and Approve Warrants – Warrants were on the table for signatures. Superintendent Calmes gave an explanation on the one line item transfer from TCP.

- * Superintendent's Report – None.
- * Student Report – Stephen Flaherty reported the following:
 - Surveys on health and assessment were completed.
 - Surveys on school lunches and the new schedule this year will be coming.
 - Student Council is planning dessert fundraiser with a movie and baked goods.
 - Class play rehearsals are beginning and freshman speeches are being worked on. They will be presented in February with the class plays.
 - Jen Markham will be taking over for Stephen Flaherty at the school committee meetings as he will be working on the play.
 - The guidance department and seniors are busy with college applications.
- * Public Comment – None.
- * New Business
 - a. Discussion – Pre-school Tuition Rates – Superintendent Calmes informed the committee that Mrs. Bonci has recommended an increase of 25 cents per hour for pre-school tuition rates. Pre-school tuition funds go directly to the town; the pre-school program is not self-sustaining. There was some discussion around whether the increase is enough. Superintendent Calmes stated it is a fair increase given the cost of private pre-school tuitions in the area.
 - b. Grant Application Request – This was taken off the agenda.
- * Old Business
 - a. Dr. Berthiaume moved and Ms. White seconded a motion to waive the third reading and accept policy 5712 as written. Vote: unanimous.
- * Public Comment – None.
- * Reports
 - a. Advisory Committee
 - b. Finance Committee
 - c. School Councils
 - d. PTO
 - e. Policy Sub-Committee
 - f. Capital Planning Committee
 - g. Health Advisory Committee
 - h. PAC/SAL
 - i. Regional Planning Committee – Dr. Berthiaume reported that the Regional Planning Board is looking to meet on the 18th or 25th of January, pending receipt of information from MSBA
 - j. Rep. Benson's Advisory
 - k. Other
- * Continuing Projects/Estimated Date of Completion
- * Items for Future Discussion
 - Workshop Sessions
 - Facilities Use Procedure
 - Civic Engagement
- * Executive Session – At 8:15 p.m. Dr. Reif moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to enter into executive session, not to return to regular session, for the purpose of a discussion related to collective bargaining strategies. Vote: unanimous.

Roll Call

Dr. Reif – yes

Mr. Poitras – absent
Ms. Shapiro – yes
Ms. White – yes
Dr. Berthiaume – yes

- * Adjournment – At 8:31 p.m. Dr. Berthiaume moved and Ms. White seconded a motion to adjourn executive session. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Landi
Recording Secretary

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